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Title: COMBUSTIBLE PRODUCT AND PACKAGE	
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RESPONSE

Dear Madam:

Applicant submits this Response to the Office Action mailed August 28, 2006.

The Examiner has indicated that Applicant has not identified where some of the added claim language, specifically "surface parallel with said exterior surface", is found in the specification. In response to this inquiry, Applicant provides the following information.

As the Examiner is aware, the claims are directed to an embodiment of the present invention as shown in Figures 7 and 8 of the present application. This embodiment is further discussed in detail on pages 10 and 11 of the detailed description of the present application. Applicant notes that the specific words "surface parallel with said exterior surface" are nowhere set forth

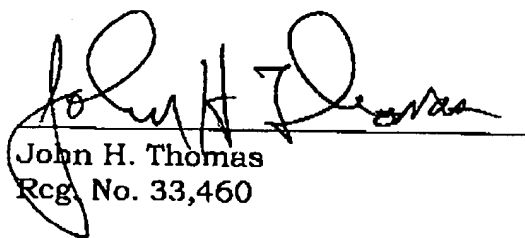
as such in the detailed description. Instead, that language is simply a verbal picture of the combustible product shown in Figure 8 of the drawings. Specifically, the "substantially conc-shaped interior surface parallel with said exterior surface" is an alternative articulation of the inside wall 130 of the combustible cone 100. Applicant submits that the language in the amendment is plainly evident in the detailed description and drawings of the specification of the present application.

As indicated earlier, Applicant now submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable action is requested hereon.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2127.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 21, 2006

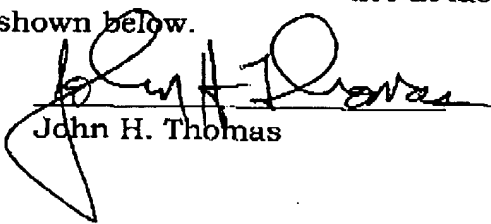

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